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Hi the Fly, Froggie-Woggie, Hedgie-Hoggie and Cockie-Lockie all lived together in a little house on the top of a tree stump.

One day Froggie-Woggie, Hedgie-Hoggie and Cockie-Lockie went for a walk in the forest, and Hi the Fly flew over their heads.

At last they came to a glade. And in the glade they saw a funny little cart. There was nothing in it, and its wheels didn't match. They were all different.

The first was ever so tiny and the second was a little bigger, and the third was middling-sized and the fourth was tremendous.

The cart must have been standing in the glade a long, long time, for there were toadstools growing under it.

While Hi the Fly, Froggie-Woggie, Hedgie-Hoggie and Cockie-Lockie were looking at it in surprise, Bunny Rabbit jumped out of the bushes and looked at the cart, too. Then he laughed.

"Is that your cart?" they asked him.

"No, it's the Bear's cart. He worked at it and worked at it, but he never finished it. And there it stands.

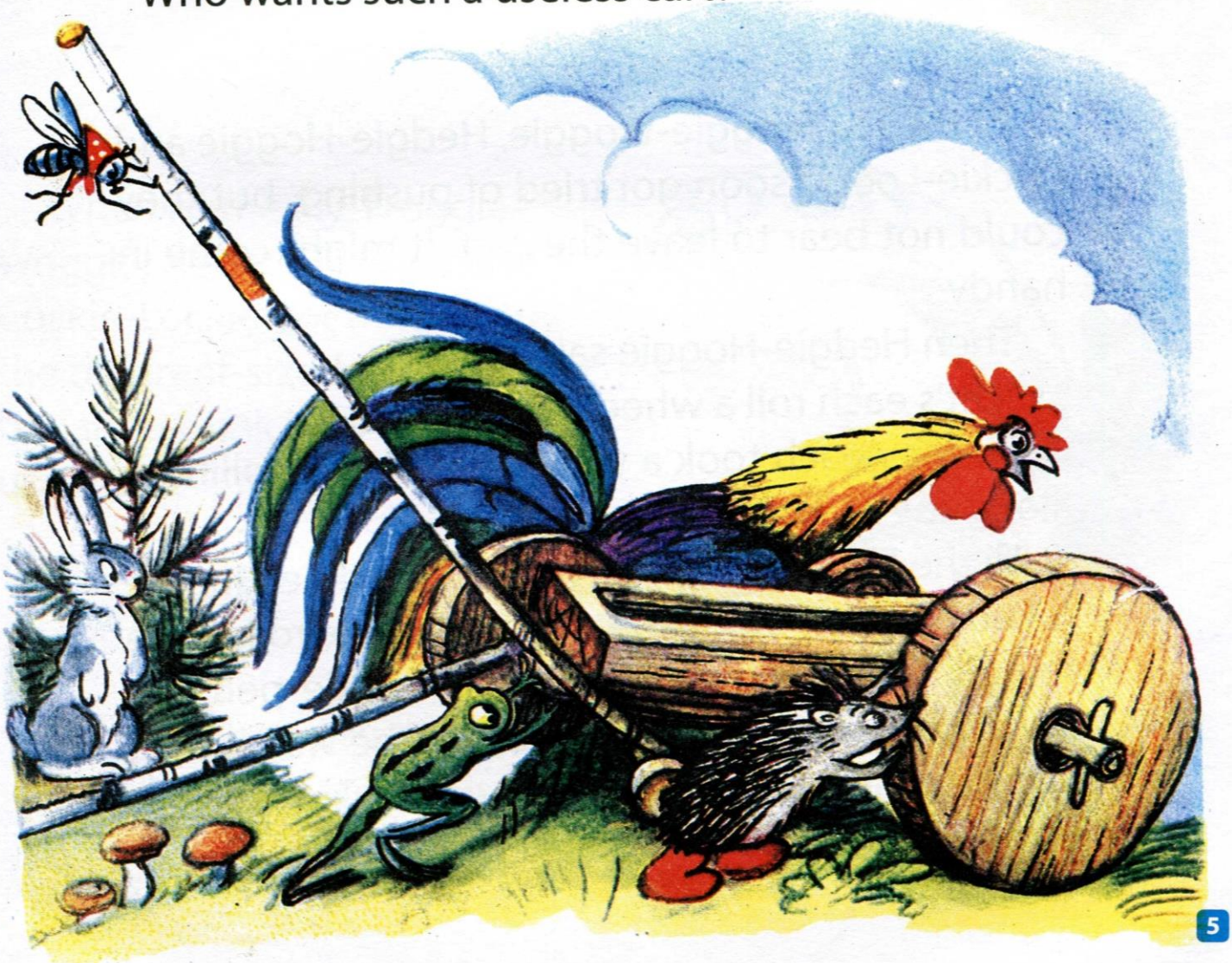
"Let's take it home," said Hedgie-Hoggie. "It might come in handy." And Hi the Fly, Froggie-Woggie and Cockie-Lockie said: "Let's!"

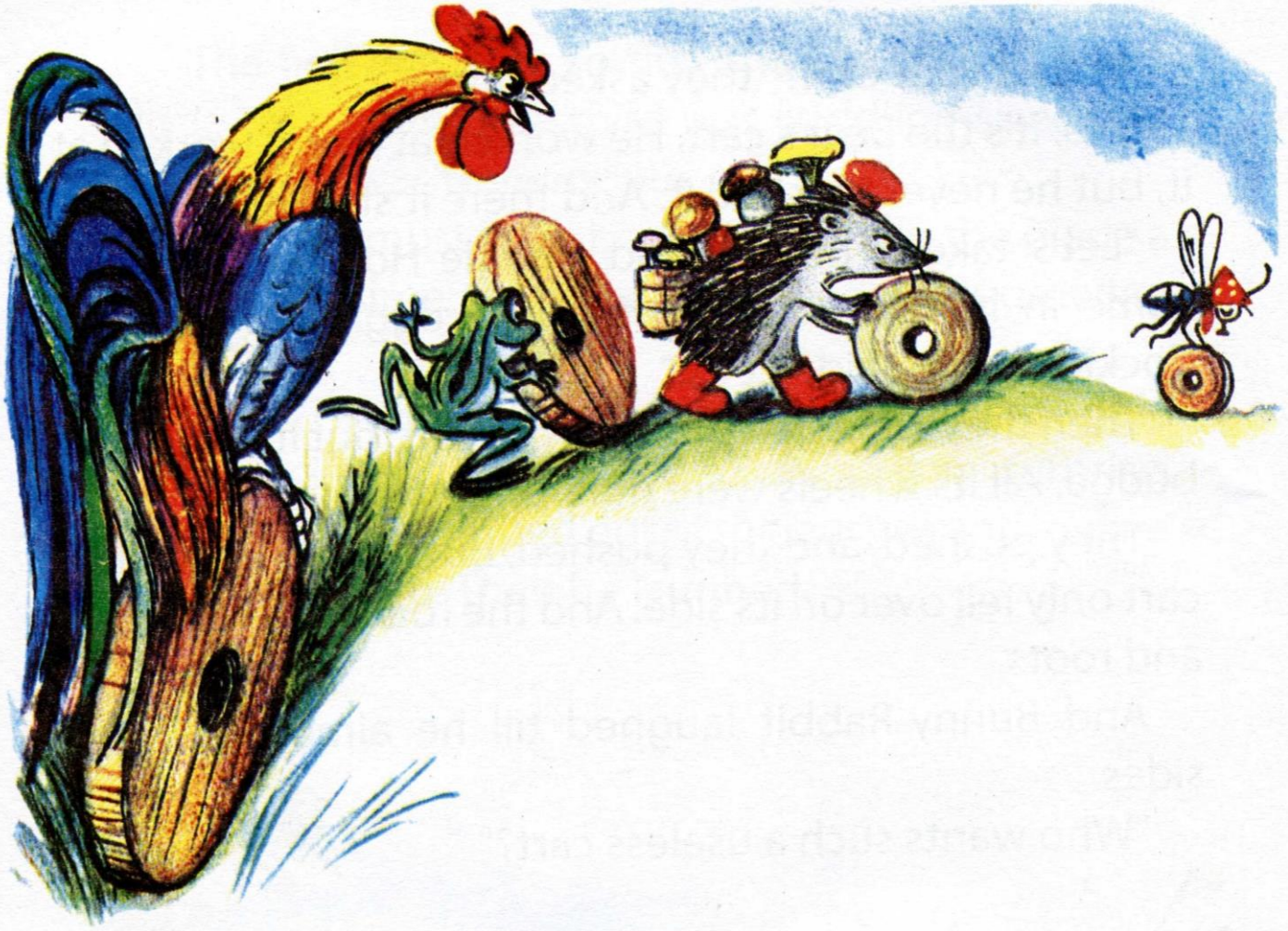
Then they all began pushing the cart, but it would not budge. All its wheels were different.

They pushed, and they pushed, but it was no use. The cart only fell over on its side. And the road was full of ruts and roots.

And Bunny-Rabbit laughed till he almost split his sides.

"Who wants such a useless cart?"





Hi the Fly, Froggie-Woggie, Hedgie-Hoggie and Cockie-Lockie soon got tried of pushing, but they could not bear to leave the cart. It might come in handy.

Then Hedgie-Hoggie said:

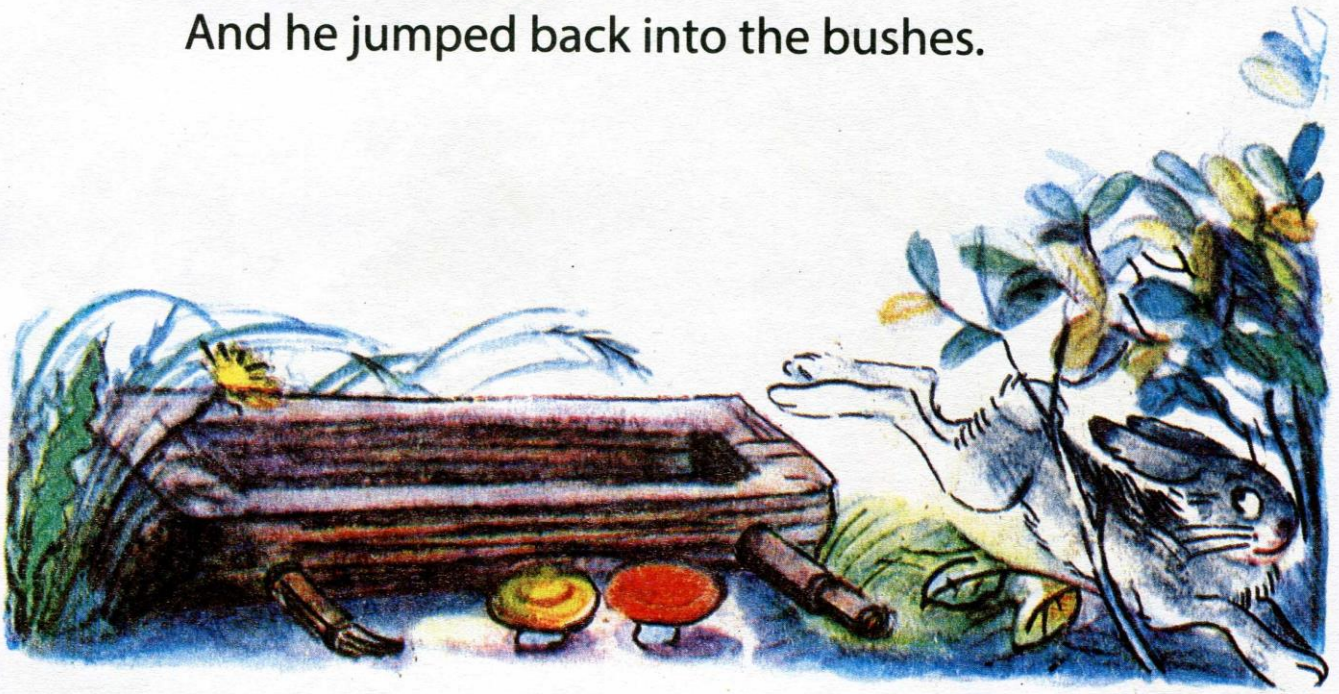
"Let's each roll a wheel home!"

So they each took a wheel and began rolling it along the road.

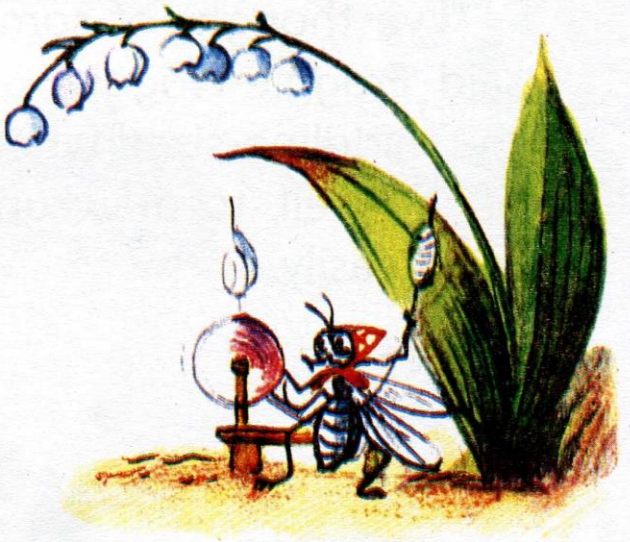
Hi the Fly rolled the very tiniest, Hedgie-Hoggie rolled the next biggest, Froggie-Woggie rolled the middling- sized one, and Cockie-Lockie perched on the biggest of all and rolled all the way home, clapping his wings and crowing: "Cock-a-doodle-doo!"

Bunny-Rabbit looked after them and laughed. "Funny people! Rolling different-sized wheels home!"

And he jumped back into the bushes.



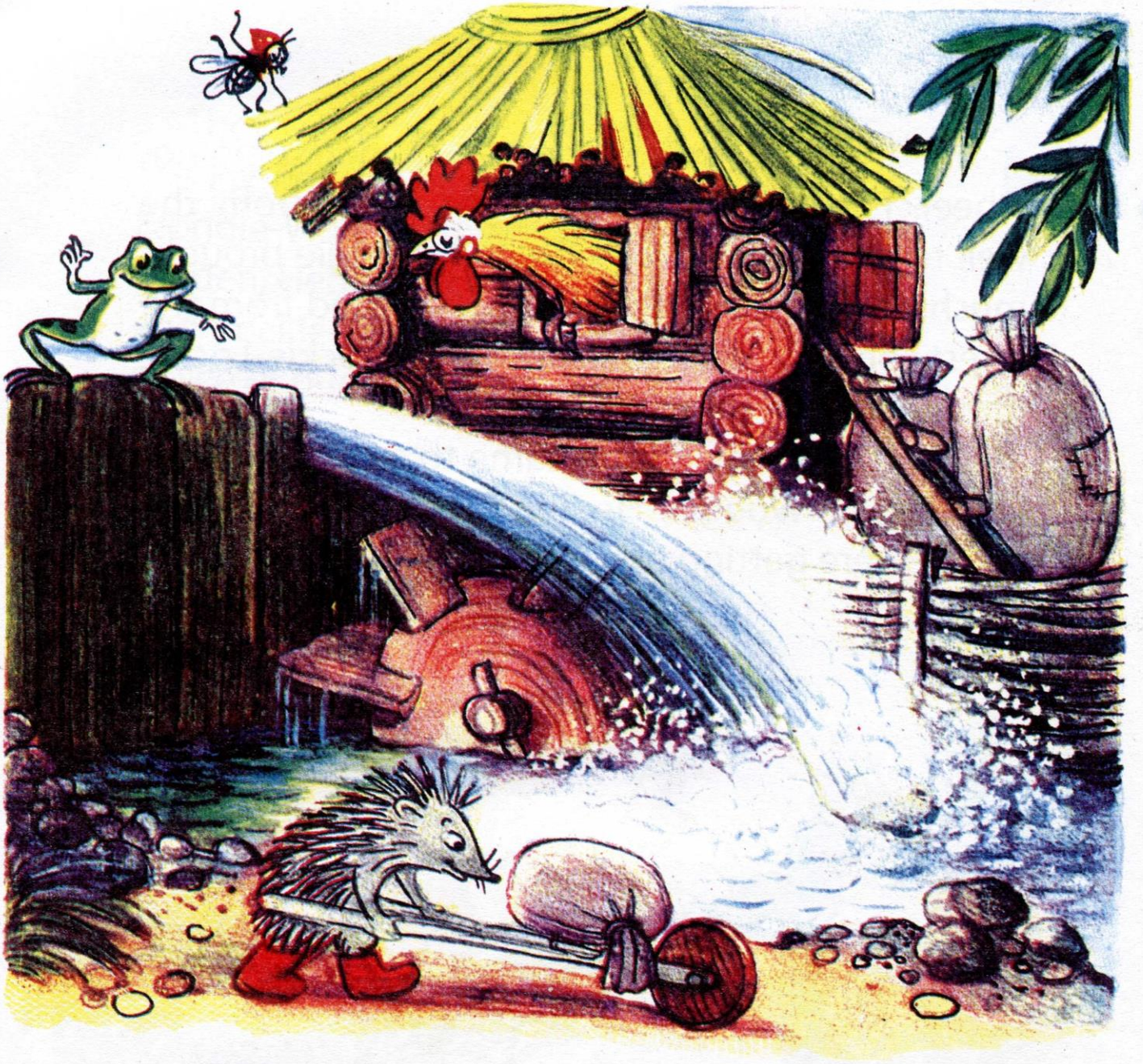
When Hi the Fly, Froggie-Woggie, Hedgie-Hoggie and Cockie-Lockie got home with the different-sized wheels, they began to think how they could use them.



"I know," said Hi the Fly, and she took the tiniest wheel of all and made a spinning-wheel of it.

Hedgie-Hoggie nailed two sticks to his wheel, and there was a wheelbarrow.

"I've thought of something, too," said Froggie-Woggie, and he fixed the middling-sized wheel to the top of the well, to draw up the bucket more easily.

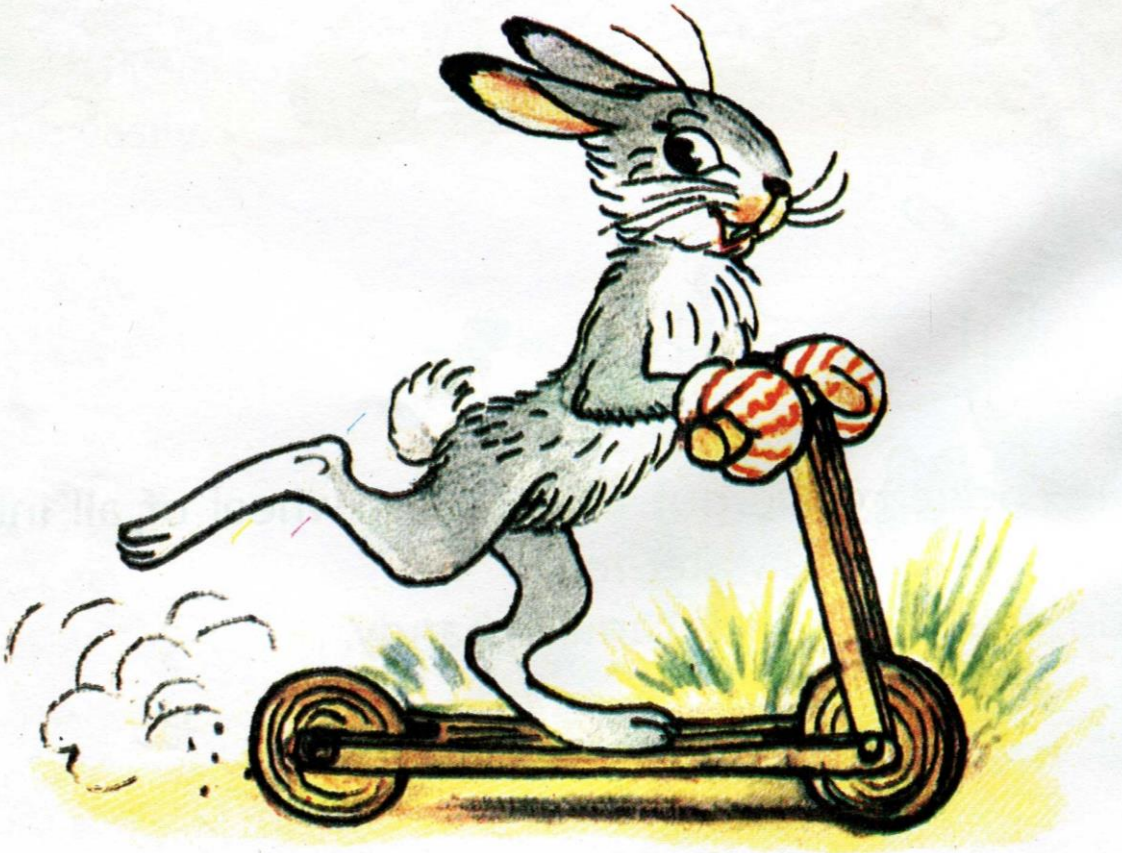


But Cockie-Lockie put the biggest wheel of all into the stream, and made a water-mill'

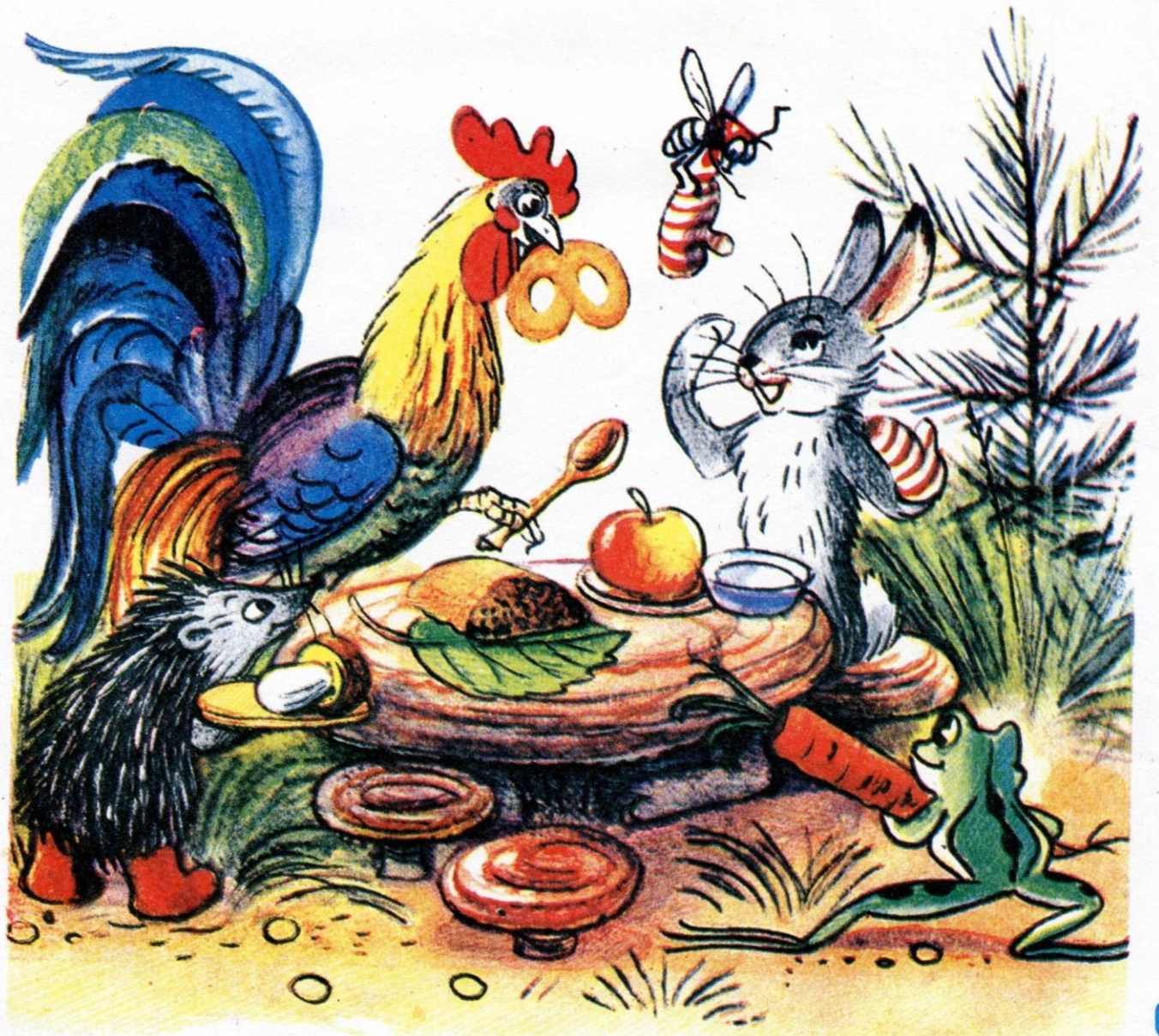
And so all the wheels came in handy.

Hi the Fly made thread at her spinning-wheel. Froggie-Woggie brought water from the well to water the garden, Hedgie-Hoggie brought mushrooms and berries and brushwood from the forest on his wheelbarrow. And Cockie-Lockie ground flour in his mill.

One day Bunny-Rabbit came to see how Hi the Fly, Froggie-Woggie, Hedgie-Hoggie and Cockie-Lockie were getting on.

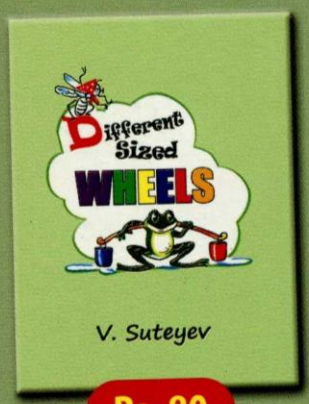


They were ever so glad to see him. Hi the Fly knitted him a pair of warm mittens. Froggie-Woggie dug up a carrot from his garden, Hedgie-Hoggie picked a mushroom, and Cockie-Lockie brought a bread-roll, and a slice of pudding.



Bunny-Rabbit was sorry he had laughed.

"I beg your pardon," he said. "Now I see that even wheels that don't match may come in handy when people know what to do with them."



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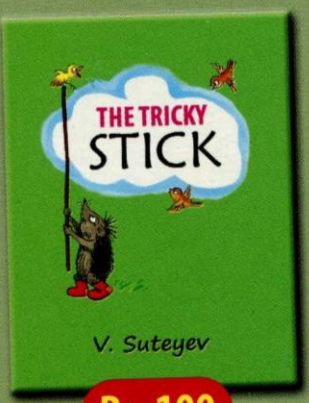

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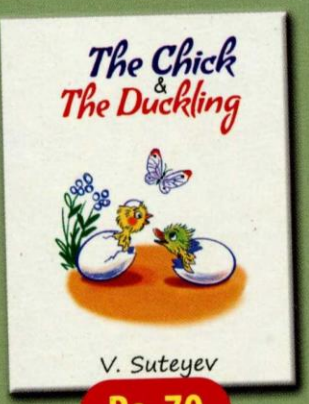

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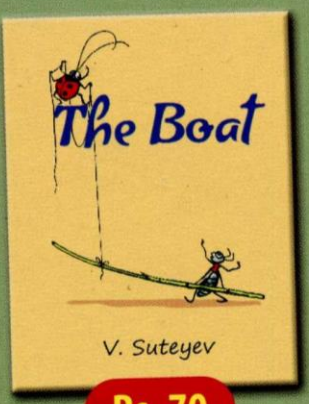

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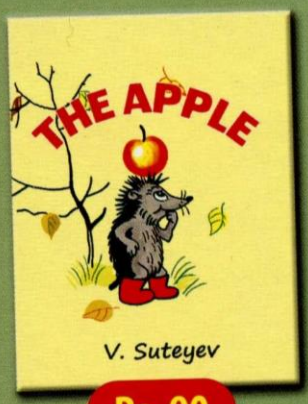

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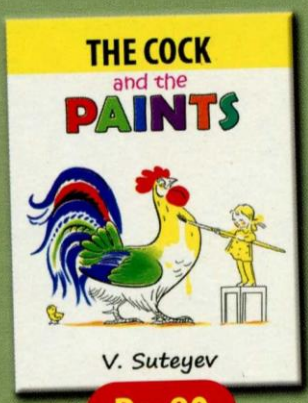

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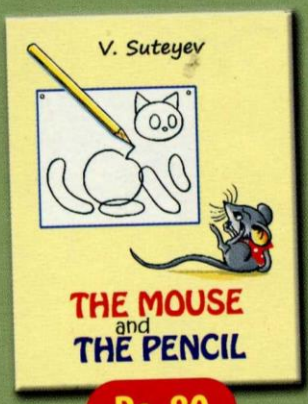

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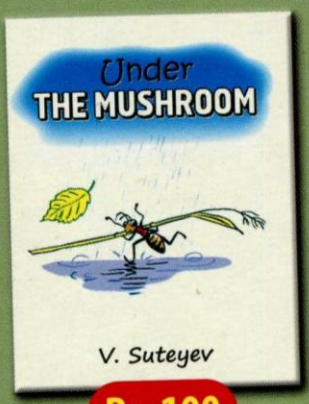

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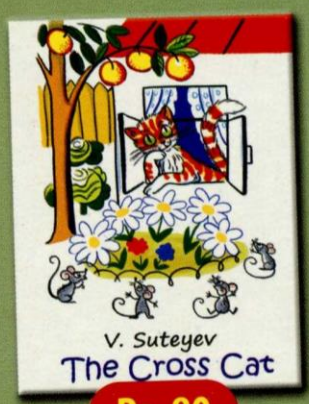

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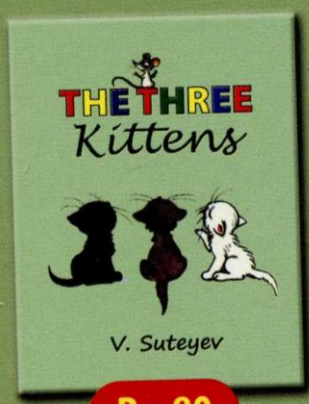

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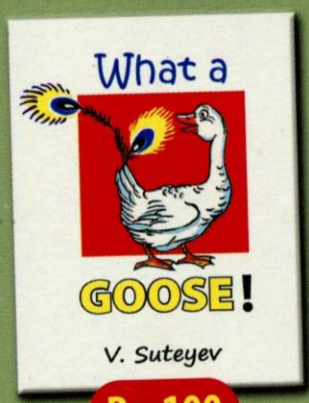

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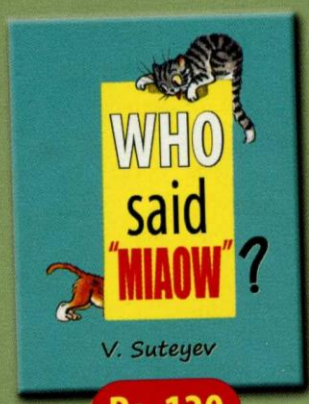

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